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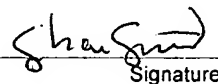
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVELY
CONTROLLING TRACTION IN AN ARTICULATED VEHICLE"*
Inventor(s): *Michael S. Beck and, Kevin L. Conrad*
Client Reference: *VS-00620*

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Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 45-page patent specification with 43 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-17 on 21 sheets;
- (2) Declaration & Power of Attorney (unsigned); and,
- (3) A check in the amount of \$1,528.00.

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FOR		Small Entity	Large Entity
Total Claims	43 - 20 = 23	x \$9 = \$	or x \$18 = \$ 414.00
Independent Claims	7 - 3 = 4	x \$43 = \$	or x \$86 = \$ 344.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)		+ \$145 = \$	or + \$290 = \$
Basic Fee:		+ \$385 = \$	or + \$770 = \$ 770.00
Assignment Recording Fee:	(\$40 per assignee)	+ = \$	+ = \$ 0.00
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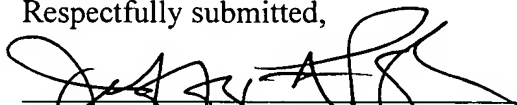
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